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SUBJECT: ESTIMATES OF BOAT REFUGEES IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES

1. IN WORKING OUT PROCEDURES FOR NEW 25,000 PAROLE PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE 12,500 BOAT REFUGEES, INS IS CONSIDERING USE OF CATEGORIES FOR BOAT REFUGEES LIKE THOSE USED FOR LAND REFUGEES. CATEGORY I WOULD ENCOMPASS CLOSE RELATIVES OF PERSONS IN U.S. TO BE DEFINED AS SPOUSE, PARENTS, SONS AND DAUGHTERS, GRANDPARENTS, GRANDCHILDREN, AND SIBLINGS.

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NOTE THAT ANY OF THESE MAY BE MARRIED. IN GENERAL, CATEGORY II INCLUDES FORMER U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS, WHILE CATEGORY III INCLUDES PERSONS WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL OR WHO WERE EDUCATED OR TRAINED IN U.S. OR UNDER U.S. AUSPICES. PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS IN EACH CATEGORY WOULD IN TURN CONFER ELIGIBILITY ON ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES.

2. REQUEST EACH POST PROVIDE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO HA/ORM
BEST ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY REFUGEES IN COUNTRY WHO HAVE NOT
BEEN INS APPROVED WOULD FIT IN EACH CATEGORY. POSTS
SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW REFUGEES FOR THIS PURPOSE AND NEED
NOT CONDUCT EXTENSIVE REVIEWS OF DOSSIERS. WHAT IS NEEDED
IS QUICK BALL PARK ESTIMATE OF PROPORTION OF REFUGEES WHO
WOULD FIT IN EACH CATEGORY, INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING
RELATIVES.

3. NOTE FROM PREVIOUS POST WEEKLY REPORTS THAT ABOUT 30
PERCENT OF BOAT REFUGEES WHO HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN U.S.
ARE CATEGORY I. IS THIS FIGURE LIKELY TO HOLD UP FOR
REFUGEES NOW IN COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM WHO HAVE NOT
BEEN APPROVED BY INS? WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS
ABOUT WHAT PROPORTION OF FUTURE ARRIVALS MIGHT BE EXPECTED
TO FIT INTO EACH CATEGORY. VANCE

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